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9. A pre-surgical alerting device comprising:
- a strip suitable for placing on a body segment which is not to be affected by a surgical procedure, said strip having a superior side and inferior side,
 - visually perceivable indicator to warn against surgery on the body segment on said superior side, and
 - temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side to the body segment in a manner which permits said strip to be removed after the surgical procedure. (amended)
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10. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, wherein said attachment means comprises an adhesive. (amended)
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11. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, wherein said strip is perforated to allow oxygen to diffuse to skin to which the strip is attached. (amended)
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12. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, wherein said visually perceivable indicator comprises the words "No Cut". (amended)
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13. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 10, further comprising peelable backing affixed to said inferior side to cover said adhesive when said device is not in use. (amended)
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14. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, further comprising a companion label suitable for detaching from said strip and for attaching to a patient's medical chart to indicate use of the alerting device. (amended)
15. A pre-surgical alerting method, comprising the steps of:
- applying a visually perceivable indicator to warn against surgery on a body segment to a superior side of a strip,
 - topically applying an inferior side of said strip to the body segment which is not to be affected by a surgical procedure,
 - temporarily affixing said strip to said body segment in a manner which

permits said strip to be removed after the surgical procedure, and
d. removing said strip from said body segment after the surgical procedure is concluded. (amended)

16. A pre-surgical alerting system comprising:

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- a. a notification strip suitable for placing on an involved body segment which is to be affected by a surgical procedure, said notification strip having a superior side and inferior side,
 - b. visually perceivable indicator to indicate surgical site on said superior side of said notification strip,
 - c. temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side of said notification strip to the involved body segment,
 - d. a warning strip suitable for placing on a body segment which is not to be affected by a surgical procedure, said warning strip having a superior side and inferior side,
 - e. visually perceivable indicator to warn against surgery on the body segment on said superior side, and
 - f. temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side to the body segment in a manner which permits said warning strip to be removed after the surgical procedure. (amended)

18. A pre-surgical alerting method, comprising the steps of:

applying a skin-penetrative applique of a message warning against surgery to a body segment which is not to be affected by surgery. (amended)